



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

January 20, 2010

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to last week's LSPA meeting. It was chock full of information for new happenings at Lincoln and requests for helpers!! We have two groups looking for parents who could help out: (1) Andrea Cogan and Lynn Vozzella will be sponsoring a Health Fair on February 12th during the school day at Lincoln. They are looking for parents to help recruit presenters and to help coordinating the students on that day. If you are available please email Andrea at acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us. This is the first time we have had this event so please think about volunteering to help make it possible. (2) The Winchester Friends of Art have put out a plea for new members. Lincoln in particular needs a parent liaison to attend monthly meetings and to coordinate with Sue Costello on town-wide events. Please email winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

We would also like to extend a very thoughtful thank you to all of the families that have donated to the direct appeal. You have already brightened Lincoln students' year by sponsoring the Michael Fallon visit, Mr. Bergen's Science visit to grade 3, the Mentor program for 4th and 5th graders and many other enrichment activities. We appreciate that economic times are difficult and are grateful to so many families for supporting these events.

Our best,
Linda and Bridget

CALENDAR

Saturday, Jan. 23rd,

Pancake Breakfast: 8:45-11AM

Wednesday, Jan. 27th,

Early Release Day 11:30AM,

5th Grade Ice Skating Party 1-2:30

Thursday, Feb. 11th

LSPA Meeting 8:30 am at Library

Friday, Feb. 12th

Lincoln Health Fair (students only)

Feb. 15-19

Winter Break No School

Wed., March 3rd

Winter Concert

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join the Lincoln School fifth graders on Saturday, January 23 from 8:30-11:00 am for a memorable and tasty Lincoln tradition - the Pancake Breakfast. Please use the cafeteria entrance and come in out of the cold for a hot breakfast: \$5 each or \$20 per family. See you there!

5TH GRADE SKATING PARTY

This great Lincoln tradition will be held on 1/27/10 from 1-2:30 PM at the O'Brien Rink in Woburn. The cost is \$10 per child. Please note that there is a limited number of skates available for rent. Parents are encouraged to borrow a pair from a friend or family member for their child in order to avoid disappointment. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the rink; carpooling is strongly suggested. Permission slips were sent home last week and were to be returned by Friday, 1/15. We hope to see you there!

Co-Chairs- Jan McCafferty and Lara Terry

MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

The Mentoring Program for fourth and fifth graders is moving into full swing! The process of recruiting mentors based on student interest is complete. Student assignments will be sent out this week via e-mail. Mark your calendars, the Mentor Sharing and Recognition Event will be held Thursday, April 29th from 6 to 7:30. All are welcome!

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DONATE A BAKED GOOD

The 5th Grade would like to ask everyone to consider donating a baked good in a disposable container to our friends at Pine Street Inn. We will be collecting the treats at the Pancake Breakfast January 23rd. Back in December, the GURO committee took a group of students to help wrap presents and tour the facility. We were so impressed with their efforts, that we wanted to help again. The residents at the Pine Street Inn are not served a dessert unless it

is donated so we thought they would appreciate some baked treats and what better way to spend a winter day. So get together with friends or family and bake a treat to donate. If there are any 5th graders interested in coming with us to deliver them, please contact Ceci Cordeiro or Donna Toelke.

"GIVE 5" FOCUSES ON ENVIRONMENT IN JANUARY

Lincoln's fifth graders are busy giving back to the environment this January. On Thursday, January 14th, half the grade opted to stay after school to view National Geographic's *Human Footprint* and we learned quite a bit about what impact all of us make on our environment. Other activities fifth graders are engaging in include reducing the amount of trash they generate by bringing trash-less snacks and lunches to school and shortening their shower times to save water. Remember to fill in those shower tally sheets so we can see how many gallons you managed to save during the month. The left column of the tally sheet should read shower time savings (minutes). In other words, if you normally take a 9 minute shower and you're trying to keep it down to 6 minutes, every time you manage to do this, you should record "3 minutes saved" in the left hand column. Remember, we're looking to tally shower minutes saved. Lastly, January 25th will be an electronic free day for Lincoln's fifth graders. On that day, we will be shutting off all screens, computers, televisions, xbox 360's and giving more of ourselves to family and friends and saving a bit on electricity too. Go fifth graders!

HEALTH ROOM UPDATE

Welcome Back and Happy New Year to all! I would like to remind families to continue to check their children's head for nits / lice. Many of you traveled over the holidays, and weekends, and visited movie theaters. If you have any questions as to what to look for, feel free to contact me. Please use the websites that are in the school lice policy. I encourage you to notify me if any nits or lice are found or

treated, so I may check the rest of the classroom. Confidentiality will be maintained. This is the best way to manage this pesty problem. I will be sending out information and permission forms for the **5th grade** postural/ scoliosis screenings. The date will be in Feb (TBD). Also, according to the Mass Dept of Public Health, a complete physical exam done between June 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010 is required for all **Grade 5** students before they transition to Middle School. I am collecting any updated PE for next year. I am looking for any old/ expired epipens. (Jr. or Reg dose). I let the staff practice on oranges and I am running low on supplies. I would appreciate any!!! Finally, I would like to remind families and students to use safety precautions while participating in winter sports/ activities. I especially encourage kids to use bike helmets while sledding. It is such a fun winter activity, and unfortunately there have been several concussions from head injuries.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINCHESTER POP WARNER

Following the lead of the amazingly successful Sachem Youth Football program for the middle school, we are bringing elementary school-age football back to Winchester for the first time in a full generation. We have been hard at work since the end of the 2009 football season exploring the possibility of having our young players who have been playing in neighboring towns come back home and play together here. We have received a great reception to the idea so far, and it is time to launch the program formally. Please go to www.winchesterpopwarner.com to find out more.

FREE ONLINE HELP FOR STUDENTS--Service Offered by Winchester Public Library: HelpNow!, powered by Brainfuse, is online tutoring offered through the Winchester Public Library. Log on to the library website databases, and students in grades 3-12 can receive LIVE help in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies. The online classroom uses Instant Messenger and a whiteboard to share the messages. HelpNow also has a Writing Lab! Send your paper to a tutor and receive a constructive response within 24 hours! There are no session limits and the hours are Monday – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Take advantage of this special service for homework help or specific skills building! Give it a try, fill out a brief survey form in the children's room at the

Winchester Public Library, and you will be entered in a raffle for Book Ends gift certificates! Deadline: February 19th.

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

Building Inclusive Community:

A three-part workshop with Rev Eric Dupee on Wednesday evenings--January 20, January 27, and February 3--at 7 PM in the Meeting Room of the Winchester Public Library. Sometimes our implicit understandings of cultural norms, rules of behavior, and expectations become barriers to the inclusion of those who come with alternative cultural norms. What happens when cultures collide? How does a community maintain its boundaries and open itself to 'outsiders?' Over the course of these three meetings participants will look at culture, boundaries, and specific ways a community can become more inclusive. Rev. Dupee will draw from resources both within the Christian tradition and secular culture, and the workshop is open to anyone with a heart for building inclusive community in any context. The workshop is sponsored by the Winchester Multicultural Network and is free. For more information or to register call the Multicultural Network (781-729-7100) or email office@wmcn.org.

PARENT TO PARENT

Parent to Parent will be hosting its annual "Evening With the Superintendent" on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 to 9pm at Winchester High School. Please join us for a "state of our schools" report and open dialogue with Superintendent William McAlduff. Topics may include the school budget, curriculum, new programs, school building maintenance, & sports and fields. To submit your questions beforehand, email info@parenttoparentwinchester.org.

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS

Parenting Book Group discussion of "Mom, Jason's Breathing on Me!" The Solutions to Sibling Bickering by Anthony Wolf, Ph.D. Join us on Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 7 to 9pm at the Winchester Public Library. This insightful book explores one of the greatest banes of parenting--sibling bickering. The author, using anecdotes from his own life, gives parents ammunition through tried-and-true tactics. Wolf addresses many other aspects of childrearing including how parents can teach fairness to children while remaining above the fray. Books will be available at the circulation desk of the library and on sale at BookEnds. You do not have to have read the book to participate

TUFTS LEGO WORKSHOP

A 3-hr LEGO workshop is offered on January 23rd with an Olympic theme. Students from Grades 1-6 will work to design, build, and program LEGO robots to participate in the LEGO Winter Olympics. Students will work in pairs to design and program their robots. They will have access to various craft materials and the usual robotic LEGOs. Students will share their work during the last 20 minutes of each session. Families are invited to visit as they share. **Place:** Tufts University Center for Engineering Education and Outreach. **Cost:** \$50. Details can be found at web site <http://www.ceeo.tufts.edu/Workshops-Current/workshopscurrent.html>. Contact Elissa Milto at 617-627-5888 or elissa.milto@tufts.edu for questions and registration.

LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITY PARENTS GROUP LBLD GROUP MEETING

Language Based Learning Disability Parents Group meeting has been changed to Tuesday, February 2nd at 7pm in the McCall School Library. We have had 30+ parents attend our last two meetings. If you have a child with dyslexia or other language based learning disability please join us for support and helpful conversation. Thank you, Amy Kraft akpk1282@verizon.net and Kim Lazarus kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net

HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN

The Winton Club is holding its 89th annual Cabaret to benefit Winchester Hospital. The show runs from January 26-30, 2010, at Winchester Town Hall. This year's theme is "Celebration of Life." This year's cabaret will portray in song and dance the various stages of life: birth, youth, adult, and senior along with the celebrations associated with the milestones in each of these stages. Also incorporated in the theme is the constant presence of Winchester Hospital as an integral part of enhancing our well being to ensure that each of life's celebration can be enjoyed to the fullest. Winton Cabaret is a fun evening out for everyone. Best of all, you will be supporting a great cause as all show proceeds benefit Winchester Hospital. Get a group together and join the fun at "Celebration of Life." For ticket information call 781-729-5307 or go to <http://cabaret.wintonclub.org>.

WFEE NEWS--THE TRIVIA BEE

Follow the Buzzing Bee! Do you know where the WFEE Bee Trophy has BEEN so

far? The Bee is visiting downtown stores as we all get ready for the WFEE Trivia Bee on February 3rd. Knowing where the Bee has landed might be your key to success at the Bee! Back by popular demand this year will be teams of fifth graders from each school to kick off the Bee with one round of questions. Students will volunteer for the teams; if we have more than 3 volunteers per school the final team will be chosen by lot. There is still room for more adult teams. Adult registration forms are available at www.wfee.org. Send your registration with your tax-deductible donation (\$300 entrance fee) payable to WFEE, c/o Emily Ehl, 20 Everell Road. Friends, neighbors and co-workers are often happy to contribute as team sponsors. Let us know if you don't want to play but are interested in sponsoring a team. Don't delay; the registration deadline is January 27th! For more information, contact Emily Ehl at 721-6440 or e.ehl@verizon.net

**FANSPLASH UPDATES
WINTER FIESTA!**

Come out of the cold and turn up the heat for a night that will support local arts and help to make a splash! The Winchester Cultural Council and FAN's Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee are pleased to present a Cultural Fiesta to be held on March 13th from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium to help raise funds for the arts in Winchester and the revitalization of Borrggard Beach. Live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. We are pleased to announce Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer and a 50/50 raffle will also be taking place throughout the night. You can show your support for the community and for the spirit of the occasion prior to the event by becoming an event sponsor, program advertiser, or by reserving a private table-you can even select a donor package option! Please contact Elizabeth Angelino at info@fansplash.org for more information! Tickets will be available for purchase soon, via PayPal at www.fansplash.org, or at Bookends (559 Main St, Winchester, MA). Please feel free to email WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the Fiesta Committee!

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